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H E General Muhammad Zia ul Haq
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Rawalpindi

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

Please accept greetings for the holy month of Ramadan. May this blessed month bring peace, progress and prosperity to Pakistan and its people.

I am writing this to request the issue of a Pakistani passport to Mr Abdul Fattah Moro, a devout Muslim and one of the important leaders of the Islamic Tendency in Tunisia.

Unfortunately, the Tunisian government has for many years been persecuting ruthlessly the leaders and workers of the Islamic Tendency because they call for the preservation of Islamic values and the application of the Shariah in Muslim Tunisia.

Mr Moro, along with many others, was arrested and jailed in 1981. For some time past he has been living in exile abroad. However, not having a passport, he is unable to travel. He cannot return to Tunisia as were he to do so he would almost certainly be executed.

According to our sources in Tunisia, the government has already arrested 47 members of the Islamic Tendency and is bent on arresting many more. The plan seems to be to hold show trials and award harsh punishments, including capital punishment, in a bid to kill the movement once and for all. To the best of our knowledge and belief, none of the arrested persons has committed any criminal offence.

Excellency, in the past Pakistan rendered very valuable help to the freedom struggles of the Muslim peoples of the Maghreb and to this day Pakistan's help is gratefully and proudly remembered and recounted by the leaders and the peoples in those countries. I hope that in Pakistan's tradition of helping Muslims in distress, you will agree to issue Mr Moro with a Pakistani passport. In that case, I should be happy to provide whatever information and details are required by the authorities concerned.

May Allah bless you and guide your steps in the service of Islam.
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
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